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Applicants : Courtney A. Oldham et al.
Application No. : 09/492,961
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For : AUTOMATED METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
CONDUCTING A CATTLE AUCTION
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application
as follows:

In the Claims

Please add new claims 29-43 as follows:

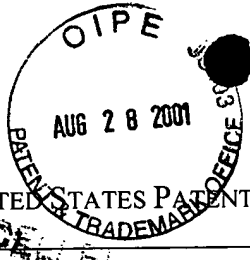
29. (New) A method for conducting a cattle auction
between a seller and a buyer comprising:

providing said seller with a plurality of required
guidelines for processing at least one animal prior to said
auction, said required guidelines comprising: at least one

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment for the referenced application adding new claims 29 to 43.

Also enclosed is a small entity fee for:

2 independent claims @ 40 -- \$ 80.00

15 dependent claims @ 9 ---- \$135.00

Total-- \$215.00

A Petition to Add Inventors will be mailed under separate cover. An assignment of this application has been recorded at the PTO on May 16, 2001 for the correct inventors- Courtney Oldham, Kenneth Jordan, and Gregory Miller.

Thank you for your continued assistance in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Aug 28, 2001

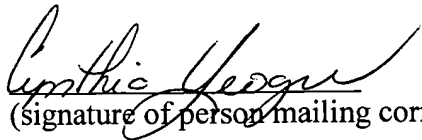
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